

AGAINST BILLS 8 & 9

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Mahalo for your time in this matter,

Delma J. Ogata

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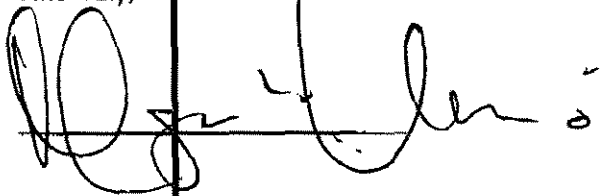
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Sincerely,



Manuel, Nancy and Josh Lopez
1560 se 201
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am in support of keeping vacation rentals an option in Hawaii. We enjoy staying someplace where we can cook our own meals, and don't need to worry about parking, and bad traffic, like Waikiki. We will never stay in Waikiki again. Most everyone I know who travel always utilize vacation rentals. I feel if they are no longer an option, fewer people will want to visit your beautiful state.

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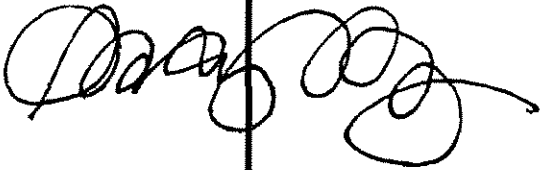
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I have lived in Kailua, Oahu for 32 years. I have been a good neighbor and supported our community by working for 15 years with seriously mentally ill adults, 2 years with pregnant teens, three years starting and directing a state wide abstinence education program for Hawaii's youth, and currently do counseling for our military personnel and their families-mainly to assist with the readjustments families endure after long deployments. I have volunteered with Friends of Foster Kids, and served on the Governor's Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse for 7 years.

I respectfully request that the City Council vote to allow short-term rentals [under 30 days] for vacation rentals [condos, cottages, private homes] and B&B's facilities in Kailua and other places on Oahu that offer tourists, our aloha spirit, and returning Military and their families a reasonable and beautiful place to stay

We know that our guests come back year after year because vacation rental housing allows our guests to experience the Hawaiian lifestyle and culture that has impacted them and their families forever.

Susan Ray
Kailua, HI



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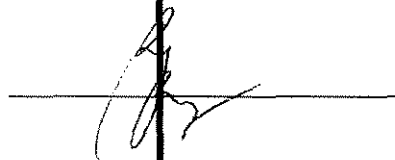
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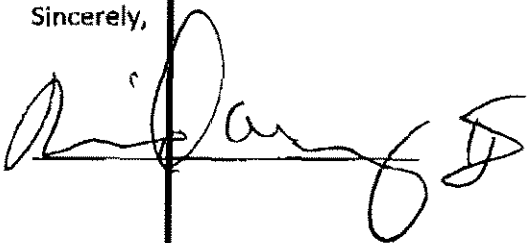
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support vacation rentals in Hawaii. As a resident of Hawaii, I would like to keep the option of permitting vacation rentals a possibility for myself and for my children as an option. It seems the more senior residents in Hawaii don't leave the future generations many options to make it in Hawaii. If you grew up past the 1970's in Hawaii, real estate has become a mere impossibility, with the prices of homes being so high.

In 1989, vacation rentals permits were discontinued. There is a much greater demand for vacation rentals today, since the explosion of internet use. Many residents who want a permit at this time were simply not old enough to even dream of owning property in 1989. I am part of that age bracket where I feel that I am simply being shut out of yet another opportunity to own a home and financially make it in Hawaii. I suspect that many of the "more senior" residents who are complaining of vacation rentals purchased their homes many decades ago, when things were actually affordable. In their "day" vacation rentals were still an option that people had to make ends meet if they needed extra income.

Many of those that complain about vacation rentals are quite well off, and may not be able to fully understand why some people feel they need to have a vacation rental to simply keep their home. They need to look at things from a different perspective.

The permitting and legalization of vacation rentals in Hawaii, would generate new tax dollars into the state, and many who run vacation rentals do not pay the tourism tax because their operation is being outlawed. In my view it is a "win-win" situation. It will help residents in Hawaii, and will enrich the state government budget.

Sincerely,



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